

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

MINUTES OF AN ACTC COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, 21ST APRIL 1996

PRESENT:-

Roger Pole	President
Simon Woodall	Chairman
David Alderson	Vice Chairman
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Janet Mattin	Treasurer
Richard Dawe	Championship Secretary
Andy & Sue Webb	Championship Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.
Anne & Jim Templeton	Shenstone & D.M.C.
John West	Vice President & M.C.C.
Stephen Bailey	Class 7 Co-ordinator
Peter Hart	Bristol Motor Club
Hans Viertel	Camel Vale M.C.
Tom Goggin	Falcon M.C.
Jason Collins	Holsworthy M.C.
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Colin Bird	MG Car Club
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland A.C.
Richard Hutchings)	
Keith Hole)	Minehead M.C.,
Brian Alexander)	
Richard Andrews	Ross & District M. C.
Brian Mitchell)	
Ron Grimwood)	Silverton M.C.
Michael Pearson)	
John Parsons)	Sporting Owner Drivers Club
Nigel Moss)	
Terry Coventry)	Stroud & District M.C.
Greg Warren	Torbay M.C.
Terry Mattin	V.W.O.C.

96/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from:- Martin Halliday (Vice President), Alan Foster (Vice President), Brian Osborne (MGCC) and Mark Tooth (Bristol M.C.)

96/2 MINUTES OF AGM 24/9/95 After correction of the date in minute 95/17 to read 9/4/95, these were accepted.

96/3 MATTERS ARISING:- Referring to the Action List:-

96/3/1 Gerald Burrige reported that we had been too late to benefit from the 1995 RAC "Windfall Fund", but he would liaise with Anne Templeton to make an application in 1996. Anne agreed to speak with Stuart Turner at the RAC.

ACTION :- Anne Templeton and Gerald Burrige

96/3/2 Richard Dawe reported that "Restart" postage was now being paid for by the main fund.

96/3/3 Richard Dawe claimed that minute 95/22/2 had been actioned; unfortunately the evidence does not entirely support this optimism!

ACTION:- Deficient clubs to implement revised Class 2.

96/3/4 With reference to minute 95/24/2 Simon Woodall had not received any examples from clubs. Robin Moore (L.&N.C.) reported a noticeable improvement in service from the RAC.

All other items were considered to have been cleared up or are covered later in the Agenda.

96/4 NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT(S).

96/4/1 Jonathan Toulmin (M.A.C.) nominated Roger Pole to continue as President; seconded by Tom Goggin (Falcon) and carried by acclaim.

96/4/2 John West (M.C.C.) proposed that Anne Templeton should be elected a Vice President in recognition of her services to the sport, in particular as General Secretary for five years. This was seconded by Jason Collins (Holsworthy) and carried unanimously.

96/5 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996/97

96/5/1 John West (M.C.C.) nominated Simon Woodall to continue as Chairman, seconded by Jim Templeton (Shenstone) and carried unanimously.

96/5/2 No nominations had been received for any other officer posts and, as all were willing to continue, their election 'en bloc' was proposed by Robin Moore (L&NC), seconded by John Parsons (SODC) and carried.

96/6 FINANCIAL REPORT

Janet Mattin submitted an interim report (Attachment 96/6/A) and reported that ILKELY & DISTRICT M.C. were the only club in arrears.

ACTION :- ILKLEY & Dist.MC - please note!

96/7 REPORT ON THE RACMSA TRIALS COMMITTEE

Simon Woodall presented a report on the meeting of 27th February 1996 (Attachment 96/7/A). The only item of note was the concern expressed about the presentation of vehicles, in particular the carrying of tools, etc., on the outside of cars.

96/8 TECHNICAL MATTERS

96/8/1 It was reported that the Technical Panel had agreed the following items at their meeting on 21st April:

- Dutton Phaeton to be allowed to use 14" wheels.
- Racecorp owners to be reminded not to modify front wings away from approved standard.
- Scamp kit cars to be considered re classification.
- Marlin toolbox dimensions are to be clarified; owners to submit data to the Technical Panel.
- New version of Marlin, known as YKC to be considered.

96/8/2 CLASS 2. It was noted that the MCC had divided Class 2 for the 1996 Land's End into 2A for cars complying with Regulation M.6., and 2B for cars modified beyond permitted limits. John West (MCC) explained that the same temporary division would be used for this year's Edinburgh, but there was no intention to continue with the extra class. From next year the MCC will develop a system of individual approval of any cars which do not comply with the defined structure, allowing them to run in whichever class is considered appropriate. The MCC is very pleased with the recent increase in Class 2, but concedes that it is not desirable to encourage the construction of more "specials" or "hybrids".

Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) pointed out that the number of entries in most trials would not permit the division into 2A and 2B, whilst Robin Moore (L&NC) reminded delegates that on a related topic he had suggested a three year experiment (minute 94/9) which was not accepted. There was general agreement that specialised scrutineering and understanding of what is "compatible with the period" posed particular difficulties.

It was reported that the Technical Panel would address the whole dilemma with a view to making long term proposals acceptable to all clubs.

96/8/3 CLASS 8 FORMULA. David Alderson reported that a large number of responses against the proposal had been received, but these had ceased since the publication of his explanatory letter in Triple (issue no. 65). Anne Templeton reported many letters to "Restart", again largely against the idea.

The Technical Panel had decided to generate a simplified version of the proposal which would satisfy many of the critics, yet still achieve the original objective.

96/8/4 MOTOR CYCLES The Technical Panel had agreed that it did not have the expertise to cover motor cycles (see minute 96/16/2 below).

96/9 R.O.W. MATTERS

Simon Woodall notified the council that Jim Templeton had volunteered to become our Rights of Way Co-ordinator. In response to the communal sigh of relief Jim made it clear that he would need a great deal of support from all member clubs; he tabled an introductory letter (Attachment 96/9/A) requesting a ROW contact from each club, together with a report (Attachment 96/9/B) on the 1996 LARA conference. (Copies issued with these minutes to all absentees.) He has information from the TRF, RAC etc and would like a mandate to share our information with them. Simon Woodall reported on the activities of the All Wheel Drive Club and tabled a copy of their ROW User Evidence form (Attachment 96/9/C).

Roger Pole will pass the accumulated ACTC data to Jim Templeton; he asked those clubs who have not yet responded to make details of their sections available to Jim.

ACTION:- Clubs to nominate ROW contacts and be prepared to discuss sharing ROW data with other organisations at the September meeting.

96/10 DATES OF CLASSIC TRIALS 1997

Richard Dawe presented version 3, dated 11/1/96. (Attachment 96/10/A) No problems were noted.

96/11 INSURANCE SCHEMES

Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) reported on problems encountered by attempting to offer competitors a choice of Bowring or Bradstock insurance. Roger Pole (for Holsworthy) also voiced concerns about the administration of the Bradstock scheme. Simon Woodall volunteered to raise the subject with the RACMSA on 21st May and will circulate guidance notes in due course.

ACTION:- Simon Woodall

96/12 RULES.

96/12/1 ORGANISERS GUIDELINES have been circulated in draft form; feedback is required as soon as possible to enable council to approve a final document in September.

ACTION:- All clubs.

96/12/2 GENERAL RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION. John West has only made limited progress and needs to refer to minutes of previous meetings.

ACTION:- John West to liaise with Gerald Burridge.

96/13 ACTC DINNER DANCE, 11th MAY, 1996

David Alderson reported that response to date has not been adequate to ensure viability. Expected publicity in Triple and Restart has not materialised and a plea was made to delegates to drum up more support. Raffle prizes would also be appreciated.

96/14 ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

96/14/1 Gerald Burridge was now receiving a regular newsletter from AMRO - the Association of Motorsport Recovery Operators Ltd. Clubs requiring information about AMRO, or a list of RACMSA Licenced Recovery Operations should contact:-

AMRO SECRETARY,
JOHN ELLIOTT,
92 HINCKLEY ROAD,
BARWELL, LEICS.,
LE9 8DN.

96/14/2 Anne Templeton reminded officers of the need to submit reports on their activities for publication and made a strong plea for delegates to seek advertising to help offset costs, e.g. B&B establishments local to events.

96/14/3 It was reported that Oliver Bettison (a Shenstone member) has purchased the VW special "Shorty" and wants to carry his son in the rear seat; this would contravene Rule M.3.2.9 now that this car runs in Class 8. There were mixed views on the logic involved and it was agreed to refer the subject to the Technical Panel for consideration prior to resolution in September.

ACTION:- Alan Foster, add to Technical Panel Agenda

96/15 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS.

96/15/1 Richard Dawe presented the Interim Accounts (Attachment 96/15/1/A), reporting a stable situation; we have 156 registered Drivers, 39 Navigators, 5 Teams and 38 Motor Cyclists. At the present time Paul Bartleman was leading the Wheelspin League and Dennis Greenslade the Crackington.

96/15/2 Andy Webb presented a comprehensive Quality Controller's Report (Attachment 96/15/2/A from which the highlights were:-

ILKLEY - many repeat criticisms and doubts about actually running in 1996.

HARDY - ran with a time schedule, which was not universally liked.

CAMEL - said to be a "Class 8" event.

WHITE PEAKS - much adverse criticism re scoring, marshalling and results.

CLEE HILLS - very good reports, only minor criticisms.

Overall it was felt that the championship was running well, but lengthy discussion ensued on how to react when events did not reach expected standards. It was generally agreed that a warning should be issued to clubs who receive bad reports, and possibly this should be repeated once before withdrawal of championship status. A formal proposal on this subject may be submitted to the AGM in September. Meanwhile there was a consensus that immediate warnings should be issued to Ilkley & District M.C. and Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C. The following formal proposals were considered:-

(a) "If the Ilkley Trial does not run in 1996 it will not be included in the 1997 Championship". - Proposed by Launceston & N. Cornwall, seconded by Shenstone & District: carried (For, 14 Against 0, Abstentions 2)

(b) "Ilkley & District be warned that their 1997 Championship status is conditional on a good report in 1996" - Proposed by Holsworthy M.C., seconded by Launceston & N. Cornwall: carried unanimously.

ACTION:- Andy Webb to issue formal warnings.

96/16 MOTOR CYCLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

96/16/1 "The ACTC should create a Motor Cycle Championship."

- Proposed by Launceston & N. Cornwall, seconded by Shenstone & District M.C.: carried unanimously.

It should be noted that no club is obliged to make provision for motor cycle classes; there may also be some motor cycle only events.

96/16/2 Arising from minute 96/8/4 above, the need for a specialist Technical Sub-Committee was debated; it was agreed that Richard Dawe would liaise with interested clubs, as well as the MCC, and come back with proposals in September. Some motor cycle only clubs might wish join ACTC., but John West pointed out that all ACTC members must be clubs registered with the RACMSA.

ACTION:- Richard Dawe to make detailed proposals.

96/17 ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

96/17/1 Council noted its gratitude to Peter James for engraving the 1995 trophies, both free of charge and in the short time available.

96/17/2 Richard Dawe stated that up to 17 events would be included in the 1997 championship and asked whether we wished to alter the scoring system. David Alderson suggested that the MCC events could be made into genuine bonus events over and above the regular scores. No proposals resulted.

96/17/3 Hans Viertel (Camel Vale) asked council to consider whether the 1997 Bodmin Trial could be included in the championship as a one-off; this was the 50th anniversary of the event and would be rather special. He will make a formal proposal for September.

ACTION:- Hans Viertel.

96/17/4 Anne Templeton (Shenstone) would like to see more standardisation of marking sub-divided sections and a general policy that special tests should only be used as tie deciders (ie not to count as failed sections if performed incorrectly) - See also minute 95/27/2. Shenstone are to prepare a formal proposal.

ACTION: Shenstone & District M.C.

96/18 DATE & TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday 22nd September, 1996 2.00pm at The Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.